(b) if so, whether the Government suspect ISI hand in the agitation and anti-India demonstration in Nepal; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto stating the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The manner in which these incidents were engineered gives rise to the suspicion that vested interests working against friendly India-Nepal relations were involved.

(c) The Government of India took up the matter at the highest level with His Majesty's Government of Nepal to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals and people of Indian origin and their properties. The Government of Nepal conveyed its assurance that necessary measures would be taken. A Commission of Inquiry has been set up by His Majesty's Government of Nepal for investigating these incidents.

Missing sensitive documents

182. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that important documents of sensitive nature were recently stolen from the office Gf Minister of External Affairs despite security arrangements;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the nature of the stolen documents;

(c) whether these documents have been recovered or traced;

(d) the outcome of the inquiry conducted by Government into gross security lapses making it possible for the intruder to steal the documents; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) There has been no security lapse, which could have resulted in theft of documents.

(c) The security environment in all the premises of Ministry of External Affairs is constantly monitored. Steps to further, and constantly improve the security measures is a continuous process.

New code to check cyber crimes

183. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IT Act, 2000 and Indian Penal Code together are not sufficient to take care of all kinds of cyber crimes;

(b) if so, whether it is necessary to enact a new code for this purpose to supplement existing laws;

(c) if so, whether Government would bring a code for controlling cyber crimes; and

(d)- if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) Existing forms of cyber crimes are covered under the penal provisions of the IT Act and the Indian Penal Code. There is no proposal for further legislation in this regard.